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Dear Mr. Reuter:

This is in response to your recent request for an advisory opinion relative to G.L. c. 55, the Massachusetts campaign finance law. You have inquired whether political/campaign committees of state officeholders, state senate candidate and/or a state representative candidate may contribute to the principal campaign committee or an affiliated committee of a candidate for federal office and if so, whether the law imposes a limit on the amount.

The campaign finance law prohibits a political committee organized on behalf of a candidate for statewide office from contributing to any other political committee or to the campaign fund of any other candidate. A political committee organized on behalf of a state senate or state representative candidate may contribute up to one hundred dollars in a calendar year, in total, to the campaign committees of a candidate for federal office.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis J. Duffin".
Dennis J. Duffin
Director

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